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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Jordan Lofdahl

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 January 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 3, 7, 9 and 10 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2, 4-6 and 8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 4/1/04.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____.

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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Claims 3, 7, 9 and 10 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected invention and species, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on 1/12/05.

Specification

The use of the trademark Velcro has been noted in this application. It should be capitalized wherever it appears and be accompanied by the generic terminology such as hook and loop fastener.

Although the use of trademarks is permissible in patent applications, the proprietary nature of the marks should be respected and every effort made to prevent their use in any manner which might adversely affect their validity as trademarks.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Pollard (4754509).

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As to claim 1, Pollard discloses a device comprising at least one cylindrical bolster rail (18) comprised of a rail pocket (19) and an insert (20); the rail being substantially the length of the side of the bed where the rail is attached to each side of the bed top along a line interior to said perimeter of the bed creating an enclosed border (fig. 4); and a rail crease (read as the point line where the rail is in contact with the bed).

As to claim 2, disclosed is a rectangular bed (fig. 1).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pollard (4754509) and further in view of Deckert (2002/0062522)

As to claim 4, not disclosed is a bed pad approximately the shape of the bed with clips. Larson, however, discloses a bed pad (10) the shape of the bed with clips (20). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to comprise the device of Pollard with the pad of Deckert, to create another pad for more cushion. Disclosed is a device, as modified, comprising at least one corner

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attachment ('522; 30) attached to said bed top interior where said pad clips are attached to the corner attachment means.

Claims 5 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pollard (4754509) and further in view of Dalal et al. (2004/0194713).

As to claim 5, disclosed is a filler (11) that can be removed and an opening that spans a width of the bed bottom(read as the ends of the sheets (12) tucked under the mattress). Not disclose is an opening with fabric overlapping each other and a hook and loop closure means. Dalal et al., however, discloses an opening (98) with fabric overlapping each other and a hook and loop closure means (paragraph [0033]). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to comprise the device of Pollard with the opening and closing means of Dalal et al. to create a means to securely attach the sheet to the cushion.

As to claim 6, disclosed are male and female metal fasteners (paragraph [0033]) which would also fixedly attach a top piece of fabric with the bottom piece to further secure the closure.

Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pollard (4754509) and further in view of Haynes et al. (5072694).

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As to claim 8, not disclosed is a domed cover piece, a flexible support rib, at least one security clip and a cover opening. Haynes et al., however, discloses a domed cover piece (10); a rib (60); clip (108) and an opening (38). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to comprise the bed of Pollard with the cover piece, rib, clip and opening of Haynes et al., to protect the user of the bed from the sun, wind, rain etc.


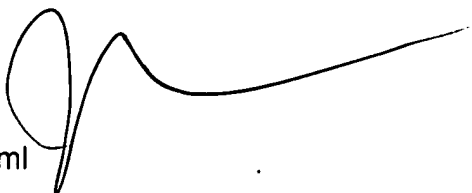
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jordan Lofdahl whose telephone number is 703.605.1217. The examiner can normally be reached on m-f 9-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Teri Luu can be reached on 703.305.7421. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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